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SB 406

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Dear Members of the 2009 House Judiciary Committee:

While I agree that each individual deserves certain inalienable rights, stripping a woman of her right to choose to terminate an unwanted or potentially dangerous pregnancy is contradicting the core of the argument that SB406 has instigated.

It is my understanding that SB406 is arguing that all individuals have human rights. However, allowing a woman's unborn fetus equal rights to that of its mother is restricting the human rights of that woman, not to mention violating her constitutional right to privacy.

Having a child is a decision that should be viewed in a celebratory light, rather than as a burden on the economic and social aspects of a couple's life. I fear that further review and passage of SB406 will not only result in more foster children nationwide, but will also force women who don't have strong support systems to resort to illegal methods of pregnancy termination and self-destruction.

It is our responsibility to restore the health and well-being of all living citizens and SB406 will most certainly be a step in the wrong direction.

Please understand that this bill is neither a partisan, nor a pro-life versus pro-choice issue. This bill threatens the personal lives of all women, regardless of their status or political perspectives. It is a matter that I refuse to take lightly and I encourage you to vote against SB406. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Megan McLean